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SUBJECT: SLOVAKIA: INFORMATION FOR CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON
EUROPEAN ASSISTANCE TO ANDEAN REGION

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1. The Director of the Department for Official Development Assistance at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Peter Huleniyi, reports that the GOS does not currently give any bilateral contributions to the Andean region. Latin America is not considered a priority by the GOS, and Huleniyi does not anticipate that developmental assistance for this region will be included on the GOS's upcoming agenda.

2. A minor portion (4.6 percent) of GOS contributions to the EU's general budget are earmarked for developmental assistance. However, this allotment is utilized for countries throughout the world, not just the Andean region. The EU determines which countries will benefit from the overall budget for assistance.

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